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Plant a tree, save a fish in La Pine

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Who: La Pine Middle School students and their teacher, Martin Sagnimeni, will be joined by Dan Bloyer, account executive from BPA's Bend office, and Dave D'Avanzo, member services manager from Midstate Electric Cooperative, Inc.

What: Science students will plant willow cuttings along the banks of Long Prairie Creek to provide shade. The class took the cuttings from the area earlier this spring and have been rooting them in their classroom. This is part of an overall effort by Mr. Sagnimeni's class to restore local stream habitat for German brown trout and other aquatic life.

When: Tuesday, June 17, at 1 p.m.

Where: Participants will meet in the school science room, then walk to Long Prairie Creek nearby.

Why: The Public Power Council, and Midstate Electric are sponsoring the Plant a Tree, Save a Fish program in Midstate's service territory this year. The program, which is funded by BPA, is in its third year. It was recently expanded to five new watersheds in Oregon and Washington: John Day, Umatilla, Yakima, Walla Walla and Deschutes.

Each participating school will receive a \$500 grant upon completion of their planting project. Mr. D'Avanzo will present the check to La Pine Middle School Tuesday. According to Mr. Sagnimeni, this grant will be used to continue habitat restoration started under the Plant A Tree, Save a Fish program.

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